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Good morning everyone,

Attached, please find an agenda for today's 1:00pm ET meeting. I look forward to our discussion in a few hours.

-Brian

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When: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Discuss this decision to sunset FOIAonline by FY23

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## FOIAonline Partner Meeting Sunsetting Overview and Next Steps

November 30, 2021 1:00pm – 2:00pm Teams Meeting

## Agenda

- I. Sunset Announcement
- II. Meeting Purpose and Structure
- III. Sunsetting Decision Rationale
- IV. Overview of Sunsetting Schedule
- V. FOIAonline Sunsetting Support
  - a. Partner input and feedback will help drive the communications and FOIAonline support elements of this transition.
  - b. Partner needs/concerns/questions/requests related to sunsetting should be sent to our FOIAonline team (Jeff, Jasper, and Laura). This allows for a central focal point for these communications and allows our contractors and help desk to maintain focus on everyday operations. Please don't go through our contractors or help desk, as they need to maintain focus on everyday FOIAonline operations.
- VI. Upcoming meetings and events

**Meeting:** We would like to host a series of meetings to feed you information and to address your information needs. Thus far, **some proposed meeting topics for the near future include** (meetings will take place every two weeks):

Sunsetting Process Logistics/Timing (tentatively scheduled for early January 2022):
 Phasing/timing of sunsetting that includes timing for last year-end report, migrating data, and a code freeze. Accessibility to data after sunsetting, public notifications

To be Scheduled in late January 2022

- Budget and MOUs/MOAs:
- Case Management Alternatives:

**Event: NexGen FOIA Tech Showcase in February 2022** 

The information that we have on this event is as follows:

The Chief FOIA Officers (CFO) Council's Technology Committee, in conjunction with The Office of Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Information Policy (OIP), are hosting an event for federal agencies in February 2022 called the *NexGen FOIA Tech Showcase*.

The purpose of this two-day event is to identify FOIA technology solutions for federal agencies in response to existing FOIA case processing challenges raised through the Technology Committee's research. Additionally, the event is intended to help federal agencies better understand the promise of artificial intelligence and advanced/emerging technology for case processing.

On the first day of the showcase, FOIA practitioners and industry partners will share issues, insights, and explore potential solutions in the following areas:

- eDiscovery/electronic record search tools
- Case processing tools (including the collection of records to review for redaction and posting accessible 508 compliant releases)
- Redaction tools (including tools that allow for automatic redaction of similar forms and record types including paper, digital content, videos, data, etc.)
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools that may assist with FOIA case processing.

On the second day, attendees will discuss how these tools can improve agency FOIA programs in the following ways:

- The future of FOIA
- Improved public FOIA reading rooms/websites
- Improving the FOIA customer experience